



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** BCCP Coordinating Committee, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, BCCP Citizens Advisory Committee, BCCP Scientific Advisory Committee, BCP Staff, and BCP Partners

**FROM:** Kimberlee Harvey, BCCP Coordinating Committee Secretary

**DATE:** March 26, 2020

**SUBJECT:** City of Austin/Travis County Temporarily Suspending BCCP Species Surveys and Monitoring Activities on the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve (BCP)

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In response to the Austin/Travis County Stay Home - Work Safe Order issued March 24 to minimize the rapid spread of the COVID-19 virus, it has been determined that species surveys and monitoring in support of the Balcones Canyonland Conservation Plan (BCCP) are not considered essential government functions or services. Therefore, species surveys and monitoring activities on the BCP are now suspended until further notice.

Patrols of BCP lands for security, health, and safety continue as essential government functions. Preserve security and protection is a heightened concern for our staff at this time as we see incidences of trespass and other illegal activities rise.